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OFFICERS.

A. FORRESTER, CAPTAIN.

EDWARD CLAPP, FIRST LIEUTENANT.

R. JOHNSON, SECOND LIEUTENANT.

THIRD LIEUTENANT.

FOURTH LIEUTENANT.

COLUMBUS, GA., April 29, 1861.

WE, the undersigned young men of Columbus, Georgia, do hereby bind ourselves and agree to organize a Military Corps, which shall be styled and known as the COLUMBUS CADETS, holding ourselves in readiness, at a moment's warning, to the call of the Governor of the State of Georgia, and also for the purpose of rendering such aid to law and order as our City and State shall necessarily require of us from time to time.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

This Company shall be known and designated as "THE COLUMBUS CADETS."

ARTICLE II.

The Officers of the Corps shall consist of a Captain; First, Second, Third, and Fourth Lieutenants; First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sergeants; First, Second, Third, and Fourth Corporals; a Secretary and Treasurer; and a Quartermaster (ranking as Fifth Sergeant).

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Commanding Officer shall give three days' notice of each parade (funeral occasions excepted). He shall have power to order parades, company meetings, or drills, when he may deem them necessary or proper.

SEC. 2. FIRST SERGEANT.—It shall be the duty of the First Sergeant to divide the Company into four sections, which shall be drilled, respectively, by the chief of each section, once a week, on such nights as he may designate; and he shall serve, or have served, written or printed summons on all occasions of parade or company drill, and shall call the roll before dismissal of the Corps at each parade or company drill, and promptly report to the Secretary and Treasurer a list of the absentees.

SEC. 3. SERGEANTS GENERALLY.—Each Sergeant shall keep a roll of the Corps, and have it with him at all parades, company meetings and drills, and he shall notify the members of his squad the nights for drill.

SEC. 4. CORPORALS.—It shall be the duty of the Corporals to render any assistance required of them by the Sergeants.

SEC. 5. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a plain and correct account of all business transacted at the meetings of the Company, and shall collect all dues and fines, and make the necessary disbursements. He shall keep a separate book, in which shall be entered the names of all the members fined and in arrears for quarterly dues, the amount of indebtedness of each one, and the date of demand made for payment. He shall cause all books connected with his office to be at every Company meeting, and always prepared for exhibition. He shall make a quarterly report of the condition of the finances of the Company, and all members who are in arrears for dues, fines, etc.

SEC. 6. The Quartermaster shall inspect the arms and uniform of each member, and report the condition of the same. In case of any deficiency, the member or owner thereof shall be reported to the Company, together with each article wanting.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. Petitions for membership shall be required in writing, vouched for by two members of the Corps. The applicant shall be voted for with white and black balls; and if five or more black balls are cast against him, he is rejected; otherwise he is elected. The initiation fee, one dollar (\$1), shall, in all cases, accompany the petition for membership; and without it, no petition shall be received.

SEC. 2. Each member of the Corps shall be allowed thirty days to equip himself with the full complement of uniform adopted by this Corps.

SEC. 3. The entire uniform (pants excepted) of each member is considered Company property; and as such, no member has the right to sell, or in any way dispose of it, or any part thereof, except to a member of the Corps. All members are prohibited

from wearing their uniforms, or any part thereof, except when on duty, or by permission of the Commanding Officer, under penalty of expulsion.

SEC. 4. Any knowledge of Company duty that may at any time be required, whether parade, drill, company meeting, or other duty, shall be sufficient summons.

SEC. 5. Any member of the Corps who shall refuse to pay his quarterly dues, or any fine or fines imposed upon him under these laws, within thirty days after demand has been made by the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be expelled, or not, at the pleasure of a majority of the Company present.

SEC. 6. All resignations shall be handed to the First Sergeant; but the resignation of no member will be accepted unless accompanied by the Secretary and Treasurer's certificate that all dues, fines, etc., are paid, and that his uniform has been disposed of according to Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE V.

All unsoldierlike conduct, on the part of any officer or private, on parade, or duty of any kind, shall be promptly punished at the time by the Commanding Officer, according to military usage, or by a special court detailed by him, or otherwise, according to law; and if any member of the Corps shall at any time be guilty of conduct grossly immoral, or unbecoming the character of a gentleman, he shall, on motion, be expelled by a majority of the Company present.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. When a vacancy occurs in any commission office in the Corps, the Commanding Officer shall order an election, and give ten days' notice of the same, and then the Company shall proceed to fill, by ballot, such vacancy (provided one-half or more of the Company be present), and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

SEC. 2. Non-commissioned Officers shall be elected annually by ballot, on the first Saturday in January; and when any vacancy occurs during the year, such vacancy shall be filled in the same way to fill the unexpired term. And all elections

hereafter to be made, shall be upon the principle of promotion for merit, and that no new man shall succeed to an office in this Company until he has served a satisfactory term as a private, or in a subordinate office of this Company.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. If a Commissioned Officer shall remove from the county of Muscogee, or fail to attend three successive parades, without a good excuse, his office shall be declared vacant, and shall be filled by the regular mode of election.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. The regular Company meetings shall be held on the first Friday night in each month, and be adjourned from time to time, as may be necessary for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. Regular parades shall be ordered by the Commanding Officer once in every month, and on such days as he may select. One day shall be appointed in every quarter for target practice.

SEC. 3. The regular meetings of January, April, July and October shall be designated as quarterly meetings, at which time officers will make their quarterly reports.

SEC. 4. After the regular business of each regular meeting, the Company shall resolve itself into a Court of Inquiry, and decide upon all cases of default, and inflict such fines and punishments as are imposed by these by-laws.

SEC. 5. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum, in the absence of which no business can be transacted. The highest officer present shall be chairman of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. At the regular meeting in January, the Commanding Officer shall appoint a Finance Committee, of three, whose duty it will be to examine all accounts against the Company, and no account shall be paid except approved by the said Committee.

ARTICLE X.—FINES AND PENALTIES.

Any member absent from parade.....	50 cents.
“ “ company meeting.....	25 “
“ “ drill.....	25 “
“ “ squad drill.....	25 “



